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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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INTEREST ALLOWED.—On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. "  
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### LOCAL BANKS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business connected with the Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, March 22, 1882.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS. (Incorporated 7th of April, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £5,000,000. RESERVE FUND, £600,000.

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The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

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Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

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At 3 months notice, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " " 2 1/2 " "  
" 12 " " 3 1/2 " "

Current Accounts on Terms which may be learnt on application.

Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

### NOTICE.

We have been appointed Agents for the TOKIOU BUSSAN KAISHA, of TOKIO, at this Port.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO., Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

### NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of T. M. CHARLES KAHN in our Firm Ceased on the 30th April, 1882.

LEHR & CO.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS AND CURIOS, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY,

the 1st July, 1882, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Podder's Wharf,

A VERY FINE COLLECTION (the late Property of Northern Mandarins) OF RARE AND OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS AND CURIOS,

sent direct to this Colony from PEKIN, NANKIN, &c., consisting of:

PEKIN ENAMELS AND OLD BRONZES; CARVED-WOOD and BAMBOO FIGURES, &c.

NANKIN OLD CURIOS, comprising 5-COLORED VASES of the MING DYNASTY about 300 years old, HAWTHORNS, BLUE and WHITE PORCELAINS of CHEN-LOONG DYNASTY, OLD GREEN and OLD BLUE WARE of KONG-KEE REIGN about 200 years old, OLD PLATES, BASINS, and OTHER CURIOS, &c., &c.

The above are especially recommended to the Notice of Committees.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary. G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, June 26, 1882.

## EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

FRESH LEMONS.

BATHING DRESSES.

LADIES' TENNIS SHOES.

LIGHT CANVAS BOATING SHOES.

WHITE CANVAS SHOES for SUMMER.

AESTHETIC LAWN TENNIS HATS, Latest Novelty.

## CUMSHAW TEA.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have just Received from Foochow, their first supply of the New Season's Cumshaw Mixture in five and ten catty boxes.

Price, delivered free to any address, \$7.50 per 5 catty box in the United Kingdom. \$12.00, 10

## LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, June 27, 1882.

## Auctions.

### POSTPONEMENT.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE PROPERTY IN PAYA EAST.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the SECOND MORTGAGEE to sell by Public Auction, on

### WEDNESDAY,

the 5th July, 1882, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

AN INVOICE OF OLEOGRAPHHS, in HANDBOME GILT FRAMES;

And, S. U. N. D. R. Y. B. O. O. K. & S. Also,

21 TELEGRAPH CODES, belonging to the Estate of the late VOOL & CO.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, June 29, 1882.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

IN PURSUANCE OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE MORTGAGEE, M. J. M. GUEDES will sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 5th of July, at 3 p.m., at the Premises,—

THAT VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY comprising SECTION D of MARINE LOT No. 16, and SUBSECTION 3 of SECTION A of MARINE LOT No. 16A.

The Premises are held from the Crown for the residue of the term of 991 years, and will be sold subject to the existing tenancies and lettings thereof.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer, or to

BRERETON & WOTTON, Solicitors, 29, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, June 26, 1882.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

A VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY will be sold by Mr. J. M. GUEDES by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 7th July, 1882, at 3 p.m., on the Premises, under instructions from the MORTGAGEE.

THE PREMISES comprise that PORTION of MARINE LOT No. 16, situated next to EXCELSIOR or ROBINSON ROAD, opposite with every convenience, TENNIS LAWN, STabling, &c.

Also, 8 FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS of all Sizes—Water-aids. Inspection is invited.

Apply to SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON, Hongkong, June 15, 1882.

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

B. & E. PERRIER'S CHAMPAGNE, CARTE BLANCHE,

Pints.....\$18 per 2 dozen Cases.

2 Pints.....\$19 per 4 dozen "

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, June 23, 1882.

### FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & CO.'S CHAMPAGNE,

Quarts.....\$17 per 1 dozen Cases.

Pints.....\$18 per 2 dozen "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

### FOR SALE.

MESSRS W. & J. LOCKETT'S CELEBRATED BRANDS, THREEFAIR'S EXPORT PALE ALE, and FINDLATER'S DUBLIN STOUT in Pint and Quarts.

FINE OLD PORT, in Cases of 1 dozen.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, March 30, 1882.

### FOR SALE.

A. RAUTERT MAINZ DELICIOUS TABLE BEER,

4 doz. & Case CHAMPAGNE BOTTLES.

\$11.....v Case.

Apply to SANDER & CO.

Hongkong, March 30, 1882.

### TO LET.

### TO LET—FURNISHED E.D.

"NORMAN COTTAGE."

Apply to GEO. HOLMES.

Hongkong, June 20, 1882.

### TO LET.

(WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.)

THE NEW FAMILY RESIDENCE situate next to EXCELSIOR or ROBINSON ROAD, opposite with every convenience, TENNIS LAWN, STabling, &c.

Also, 8 FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS of all Sizes—Water-aids. Inspection is invited.

Apply to SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON.

Hongkong, June 15, 1882.

### TO LET.

(WITH IMMEDIATE ENTRY.)

THE RESIDENCE known as "BELLVIEW," ALBANY ROAD.

Apply to R. LYALL.

Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, May 31, 1882.

### TO LET.

(POSSESSION ON 15TH JULY NEXT.)

THE COMMODUS HOUSE with Large Servants' Quarters, and a Chinese HOUSE attached, No. 33, POTTERY STREET.

Apply to E. R. BELLIOS.

Hongkong, May 31, 1882.

### TO LET.

COMMODUS OFFICES and COMMODUS QUARTERS, etc., with or without GODOWNS, in Pedder's Wharf Buildings, at present in the occupation of Mecca House & Co

## For Sale.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
No. 53, Queen's Road East,  
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISARIAT),  
ARE NOW LANDING, EX  
A BRITISH BARQUE  
"STILLWATER."

**DEVOE'S NONPARIEL**  
BRILLIANT  
KEROSENE OIL,  
150° test.

**SPARTAN COOKING**  
STOVES:

FAIRBANKS SCALES.

OAKUM.

TAR.

TURPENTINE.

EX "AMERICAN MAIL."

ALFONSO RACKER.

COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb

tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BIS-

CUTTS.

Fancy Sweet Mixed

BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES.

Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

CORNMEAL.

TOPCAN BUTTER.

Eastern and California CHEESE.

Prime HAMS and BACON.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.

Family PIG-PORK in 5 lb cans.

Beast Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Cutting's Desser FRUITS in 2½ lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCERATE.

COME HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

Lunch TONGUE.

McCarthy's Super LEMONADE.

Clam CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE in 2½ lb cans.

&c., &c., &c.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF STORES,

including:

TEYSNEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS and RAISINS.

PICTIC TONGUES.

COCAINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

LIMBO & Ep's COCOA.

FRENCH PLUMS.

FADE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

SAUSAGES.

BROWN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES.

HEDGES MONOPOLE & WHITE SEAL.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.

JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS.

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU ROSE, pints & quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE.

LES GRAVES.

BREAKFAST CLARET.

SHERRIES & PORT.

SACONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACONE'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BISQUIT DUBOURG & Co.'s BRANDY.

FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDAE WHISKY.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

OURACAO.

ANGOSTURA, BAKER'S and ORANGE BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SCHAFFNER, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & F. SCHAFFNER, pints and quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in quarts.

DAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in half-gallons.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in 5 and 10 cent Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGO @ 25 cents p. lb.

SEASIDE LIBRARY, 15 to 20 cents.

FRANKLIN SQUARE LIBRARY, 15 to 20 cents.

Miner's PATENT FIREPROOF SAFES, and CASE BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

## Insurances.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.  
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF  
His Majesty King George The Third,  
A. d. 1729.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND  
MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY  
OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling)

Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company are  
prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE  
RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual  
Discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE IN-  
SURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000. PAID UP, £200,000.

PAID UP RESERVE FUND, £50,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company are  
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against  
FLAME at Current Rates.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

THE TOKIO MARINE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE MITSU BISHI MAIL S. S. CO.

having been appointed Agents for the  
above Company, the Undersigned is  
prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at  
Current Rates and usual Discounts.

H. J. H. TRIPP,  
Agent, M. B. M. S. Co.

Hongkong, April 20, 1882.

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LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL, Two MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or  
Cargo on board Vessels and on Hulls or  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be  
received and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £100,000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, terms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KAREGER & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 3, 1882.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept  
Risks on First Class Goods up to 2 per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCHANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents of the above  
Company, are authorized to Insure  
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

VANG TSZE INSURANCE  
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up)... Ths. 420,000.00

PERSISTENT RESERVE... Ths. 230,000.00

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND... Ths. 20,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL and Ac-  
cumulations, 6th } Ths. 940,553.95

April, 1882.

Directors.

H. De C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

J. H. PINGKWO, Esq.

A. J. M. INVERARY, Esq.

G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

London Branch:

Messrs BARING BROTHERS & Co.,  
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent.

68 and 69, Cornhill.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all  
parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12% for Interest  
on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits  
of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are  
annually distributed among all Contributors  
of Business (whether Shareholders or not)  
in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

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this respect—Japan and China might possibly supply the requirements of the Siberian Flotilla or Pacific Fleet stationed at Vladivostok; but these would be as unreliable as outside sources. With coal-fields under active operation in India, Borneo, Vancouver's Island, N. S. Wales, and Queensland—all British possessions—from which our Navy could draw freely under any circumstances, British mercantile marine interests in the East and Far East have nothing to apprehend in the event of a Russian complication. We have shown that the same want on the part of Russia contributes towards the security of our North-West Indian Frontier. So much for Russophobia!

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE CHINA MAIL.]

(Per E. A. &amp; C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

## EGYPT.

TURKEY AGAIN OPPOSES THE CONFERENCE.  
LONDON, June 29.  
The Porte has sent a note to its representatives abroad, still urging the abandonment of the Conference.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next AMERICAN MAIL, per the O. & O., etc., Oceanic, may be expected to reach this port on or about the 3rd July.

ORDER OF SERVICE AT THE UNION CHURCH.—SUNDAY, JULY 2ND.

Hymn 370, Tune, page 168; Psalm 43, Tune, page 200; Hymn 376, Tune, page 168; Hymn 460, Tune, page 202; Hymn 416, Tune, page 184.

The Solway took the place of the Greyhound at Kowloon Dock to-day.

The rainy season has reduced the strolls of the New' Guards to a very slippery state, especially near the iron tanks. If the officer in charge can find a remedy to bring them to a safe walking condition, he will receive the thanks of those residents in the high level who make use of this road daily or twice a day.

CONSIDERING the number of jinrichelas plying for hire in the Colony it is surprising that so few accidents occur. One, however, of a rather serious character took place on Wednesday last, whereby a Portuguese lady and her son were rather seriously hurt. It seems that while going down the slope leading from the Chai Road to the Government Civil Hospital the coolie owing to the impetus of the vehicle fell. He sustained no damage, but the lady and her son were both thrown out and seriously cut about the face. They were taken into an adjoining house, and their wounds attended to. The lady is, we understand, still in a rather precarious condition.

THE two men who were arrested on the White Cloud yesterday for being in charge of a large quantity of bad cash intended for importation to Annam, were before Mr. Wodehouse at the Police Court this morning, the first charged with having in his possession a larger number of pieces than five pieces of counterfeit coins resembling, or apparently intended to resemble, a copper coin of the King of Annam, and the second with aiding and abetting. Mr. Moscop appeared for the men, and applied for a remand until Tuesday next. The application was granted, and each defendant allowed out on bail in two sureties of \$300 each.

In the annual Report of the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company the Directors state that though there had been an excessive competition in the Fire Department, and a consequent reduction of rates, causing the past year to be an unsatisfactory one to Insurance Companies generally, they were able to declare a profit, although much less than that obtained in previous years; the account of this department showed, without interest, a surplus of £63,808 and with interest a surplus of £215,303. In the Life Department the funds have reached the sum of £3,302,782, being an increase of £128,480 over the previous year, and 630 new policies were issued for £406,909 during the year reported on. The Profit and Loss Account, after paying the Globe Perpetual Annuities for 1881, left a balance of £203,303. It was proposed to pay out of that amount a dividend for the year of 12%, per share, together with a bonus of 8s. per share, leaving £231,088 of undivided profit to be carried over to next year. On the 22nd of November last an interim payment of £1,000 was made on account, and it was proposed to issue warrants for the balance, viz. 11s. per share, payable on the 22nd May.

GENERAL W. A. Mackinnon, C.B., who greatly distinguished himself during the Indian Mutiny Campaign and the New Zealand war of 1863-66, succeeded Dr. Shenton as head of the medical branch, which includes the command of the Army Hospital Corps, at Whitehall yard. L. d. C. Express.

In May, the Peiping Handibid—one of two newspapers published at that town—was suppressed by order of the Governor-General, who had received a letter from the Chinese Legation, the object of its printing being to injure the Public Prosecutor at Peiping. Singapore Times.

Two sets of the 3rd June calls attention to the great falling off in tobacco cultivation in Java, formerly so flourishing there, as evidenced by the fact that lately in the eastern portion of that island three states were sold collectively for the trifling sum of 5,700 gold dollars, while only three years ago a batch tobacco seed on one of these cost 100,000 golders. The decline in cultivation is ascribed to the low prices of tobacco in Europe. Singapore Times.

The China Shippers' Mutual Steam Navigation Company (Limited) has been registered as a joint-stock company, with limited liability. The names of those who appear as promoters are—Mr. Albert Denoon, of Messrs. E. and A. Denoon; Mr. J. A. Maithland, of Messrs. Maithland and Co.; Mr. David Reid, of Messrs. Reid, Evans, and Co.; Mr. H. D. Stewart, of Messrs. Stewart, Thomson, and Co.; Mr. W. M. Strachan, of Messrs. W. M. Strachan and Co.; Mr. David McLean, of Messrs. Edward Pettit, each of whom take one share. The capital is £1,000,000, in 50,000 shares of £20 each. Temporary offices have been taken at 12, Fenchurch-street, B.C., and Mr. William Wise has been appointed as Secretary pro tem. We also hear that telegrams have been received from the East urging the promoters to proceed with the undertaking, and that they would be substantially supported. L. d. C. Express.

**SINGAPORE TIMES** gives the following description of the new comet as seen from this place:—

No doubt many of our readers may have noticed last night, shortly after sunset and a few degrees above the horizon, a very distinct comet. Its position in the heavens was almost due west, and a little, as it were to the south-west, of the planet Venus, which at present displays herself as an exceedingly bright evening star. The comet has a tail of a brush-like shape, and the nucleus appears to the naked eye about the brightness of a star of the fourth or fifth magnitude. Whether it has already made its near approach to the sun and is making its way back into space, or has not yet reached its perihelion, we are unable to say; but in the latter case it may pass us a second and more interesting visit later on. We fancy it can hardly be Biet's comet, which only escaped colliding with the earth in 1832 by one month, and which Mr. Proctor predicts will fall into the sun in a few years hence—causing a commotion in that orb, which will perhaps upset the equilibrium of our own steady-going planet. This comet was first seen from Fort Canning on Monday night, and on Tuesday evening it was too cloudy to observe anything in the west for a time after sunset. We would recommend those interested in such matters to turn their eyes towards the west immediately after the sun goes down, and if it is a clear evening, they will have no difficulty in distinguishing the erratic stranger, even though the moon is shining brightly apparently directly overhead.

His Lordship asked what expenses Mr. Guedes could run up.

Mr. Bowler: He will charge interest. I think it is rather rough on me that I cannot get my money first.

His Lordship: I have given you what you wanted, and now you ask for more.

Mr. Bowler admitted that he had got what he had asked for.

The matter was adjourned for a week, after Mr. Guedes had been assured that he could take out execution so soon as he obtained judgment.

Mr. Francis then renewed his application, which led to Mr. Bowler making some remarks about the money having been due for something like eight months.

His Lordship pointed out that Mr. Francis had said that undoubtedly there was some money due.

Mr. Francis' application was acceded to.

The remarks of Mr. Guedes and Mr. Bowler caused some amusement in Court.

Mr. Guedes expressed himself satisfied with this arrangement, but Mr. Bowler said that if Mr. Guedes got judgment he would take execution in ten minutes.

Mr. Guedes said he had assisted Mr. Bowler before, and he would not do such a thing as Mr. Bowler suggested, and would give a week's time.

Mr. Bowler prayed his Lordship to adjourn the case for a week, in order that he might settle this matter, and so save the time of the Court. He had plenty of money, and would pay Mr. Guedes whether he were successful in the other case or not; but he did not want to run up the expenses of trial fees and so forth.

His Lordship said he thought he might postpone the case for a week, but Mr. Guedes again objected, and again protested that he would not be bound on Mr. Bowler to whom he had lent money for such a length of time.

Mr. Bowler said he had over \$12,000 in the Colony, and it was not likely he would need to pay \$500, but he did not want to run up expenses.

His Lordship again tried to finish the matter by saying that the case would be adjourned for a week, on the understanding that the money would be paid at that time.

Sergeant Fisher said that about eight o'clock yesterday evening he entered the fifth floor of the house No. 20, in Tung Man Lane, with an informer. He searched the house, and found three tins containing about twelve tools, and an earthenware pot containing five tools, of prepared opium. He also found a quantity of opium dress, and several opium preparation utensils. The defendant was pointed out to him as the master of the house.

The defendant said he was only employed by the master of the house. His master had told him that the Opium Farmer had promised him a license on the first of the month. His master was at present in the country.

The manager of the Wo Ki Opium Farm said it was untrue what the defendant had said about his firm promising to grant a license on the first of the month.

The master was remanded until to-morrow, to allow of the further enquiry being made. The defendant was allowed out on bail in two sureties of \$25 each.

KUM HOX TING v. LU KUM CHUEN, \$1,000.

Mr. Moses, of Messrs. Dennis & Moses, appeared for the plaintiff, and the defendant was represented by the Hon. Ng Choy.

The sum was claimed as the brokerage on the sale of lots Nos. 672 and 673, which the plaintiff alleged the defendant had bought from Sin Sin and Wong Tack for \$110,000. When the time came for the completion of the contract, the defendant was unable to complete, and time was given. At a later date Sin Sin and his partners in the transaction not having come owners themselves, cancelled the agreement on the understanding that the defendant purchased the property from the original owner Kwok Ying Ki, at the reduced price of \$71,000, \$19,000 less than Sin and his partners had agreed to pay for it. It was further alleged for the plaintiff that the entire brokerage himself, one per cent., had been agreed previously that the broker should be paid, one half by the vendor, and one half by the purchaser.

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